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FOR PLACEMENT OF MULTIPLE  
FRACTURES IN OPEN HOLE WELLS

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This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action of January 10, 2001. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-14 stand rejected.